

The Times' Daily Short Story.

The Island of Rats

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Between the Philippines and Borneo is a group of small islands. In 1880 we touched at one of them, and the natives reported a white woman among them. We induced them to bring her to us. While dressed as a native, her face was scarcely more than sunburned, and she was what any one would call handsome. She was only about thirty years old and in the best of health. Her story was a queer one. She was a resident of Saigon, capital of French Cochinchina. Four years previous she had married a Frenchman named Du Cliff and almost at once had set out with him in a sailing vessel for Singapore. Two days after sailing they had encountered a typhoon. She was not very clear as to what followed, being very ill at the time. She thought the ship struggled with the storm for two days. She then sprang a leak and foundered. The woman had been brought on deck and lashed to the bulwarks along with her husband while the crew were trying to construct some sort of raft. A great wave suddenly overwhelmed them, and the next that Mrs. Du Cliff remembered was waking up on the shore of an island. She was still lashed to the wreckage, but she was alone. When she was able to move about she found fresh water and plenty of wild fruits, and in the forest she constructed a hut out of limbs and bushes. Every day for long months she expected rescue. She could see ships sailing up and down, but none came within miles of her. Off to the east she could faintly make out other islands or the main shore, but no help came from that direction. If she had had the means to build a fire and raise a smoke signal, some one would have come, but she was helpless in that direction. It was three months before she thoroughly explored her island. Then she found it to be about two miles in circumference. It was well wooded, and in the center was a high hill of almost solid rock. There were birds in plenty, but not a wild animal or reptile of any sort.

One day, after six months had gone by and while inspecting the hill to see if she could not set up a signal there, the woman made a great discovery. She found a cave which had certainly once been a depository for the plunder of the Sulu pirates. What she told us, I believe to be the truth, because she verified it in many ways. She visited the cave twenty different times—in fact, lived in it for the last month of her stay—and so she had plenty of time to overhurl the plunder. She found in that cave gold, silver and paper money to the amount of \$30,000. There was gold dust, too—she estimated at \$10,000 more. There was jewelry worth thousands of dollars. She said there were diamonds, rubies and other precious stones. There were innumerable bales and boxes that she had not meddled with and did not know their contents. So far as she could judge, no one had visited the cave for years. When we pinned her down to particulars she remembered that a ship's chronometer she had found among the stuff bore the name of "Antasia," and she gave us the markings of several bales. It was a story to stir the imagination and would have found ready believers anywhere in the world. We were convinced within an hour that the woman had seen what she declared she had and that the island was the one known now as "Outer Island." It stands today the westernmost of all the group and is still without inhabitants. After a full year on the island Mrs. Du Cliff became desperate. She gave up all hope of being taken off and determined to rescue herself. She built a raft and one day trusted herself to the treacherous sea. A west wind was blowing, and she hoped to be carried across to other land before it changed. For five days she drove up and down the China sea and was then cast ashore on the island where we found her. That the natives had been kind and respectful to her was owing to the fact that they thought she was out of her mind.

Half a day after the story had been told we were on our way to the island. We reached it without incident, but to meet with a surprise and a bitter disappointment. We had no sooner approached the shore in the yawl than we discovered that the whole place swarmed with rats. The creatures were there by the hundreds of thousands. They were water rats of the largest size, and their demeanor was so ferocious that we dared not land. We pulled all around the island a dozen times over, but met the rodents everywhere. They were gnawing down the trees and eating the grass out by the roots. Where they came from I cannot say. There was not one on the island when the woman left. We tried powder and shot and fire to frighten them, but it was not to be done. After a week we were away for Saigon. Here the woman's story was fully corroborated as to her residence, marriage and the loss of the ship, but the story of the cave and the treasure had also to be told. The French governor at once sent a ship to the island and brought everything away after having spent a fortnight throwing poisoned food to the rats. We of the trading schooner were promised a fair share, but no man of us ever fingered a dollar. We were put off on one excuse or another and finally threatened with imprisonment if we moved further in the matter. The woman was given a share, I believe, but the greater part of the singular find went to enrich two or three officials of the colony.

M. QUAD.

STOCK ISSUE INVALID.

The Ruling on Increase by Great Northern Railway.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—Attorney General Young of Minnesota yesterday made a ruling that under the state law, the proposed increase of \$60,000,000 in the capital stock of the Great Northern

railway recently announced from New York, is invalid, and that as soon as the issue is actually begun, the state will take action in the matter.

Postmaster at North Troy.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Georgia E. Lewis has been appointed postmaster at North Troy, Vt.

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We want to tell you the history of Mrs. Heaney's range, for it is typical of the good service given by the Quaker Ranges all over New England.
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This is pretty cheap for a first class range, isn't it?—but there's more of the story to follow. At the end of twenty-one years, Mrs. Heaney's range was in such good condition, that it was worth \$25.00 and in addition to that she was the winner in one of our recent "Oldest Quaker Range Contests"—receiving in exchange for her old range, a new Quaker worth \$75.00. Therefore after using a Quaker Range for twenty-one years, Mrs. Heaney is now the owner of a brand new Quaker—the finest in the line—and is actually \$24.50 to the good. What do you think of that?

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BOY PLAINTIFF IN SUIT.

Case of 10-Year-Old Japanese Lad to Be Test of Separate School Law.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Koji Aoki, the 10-year-old son of a stall keeper, has been selected by the United States as the plaintiff in the suits to be begun in the state supreme court to test the validity of the action of the San Francisco board of education in providing for the segregation of Japanese in the public schools of San Francisco.

Another Happy Girl.

In the Boss Cracker contest this week, we announce today in our columns Mistress Lizzie Brown, P. O. Box 103, Barre, Vt., and all the boys and girls are watching to see whether or not this brings some Christmas money into their pockets.

The interest aroused in this Boss Cracker list contest is becoming so general that we want to say again that the conditions are so simple that every boy and girl ought to try for one of these prizes. All you have to do is take the letters BOSS-CRACKERS, and from them make a list of all the words using these letters. Send this list in to C. D. Boss & Son, New London, Ct., and each week the boy or girl having the longest list is given a present of \$5 in cash.

With each list a seal from the end of a Boss Cracker box must be enclosed. Every family that is using Crackers knows the Boss Crackers, and the seal from one of the packages is all that is required.

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TURN PICTURE TO THE WALL.

Colored Citizens in Richmond Score President for Discharge of Troops.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—The colored residents of Richmond have held two meetings in which they have denounced President Roosevelt for discharging without honor three colored troops following the Brownsville riot. In several social clubs and other public places portraits of the President have been taken down or turned face to the wall. This is being done also in the homes of the negroes.

They seem to have forgotten, it is said, his "door of hope" speech, which a few months ago they were hailing as the voice of Lincoln speaking to them from the tomb. An enterprising vendor of pictures of public men has gathered a large supply of portraits of Senator Foraker, and has more orders for them than he can supply. The cause of the boom of the Foraker portrait is the result of the resolutions of the colored Republican league of Richmond endorsing the Ohio senator for the presidency.

BRYCE MAY YET BE AMBASSADOR

Revival of Rumor That He Will Succeed Sir Mortimer Durand.

London, Dec. 14.—It is officially stated that no definite determination has yet been reached concerning the appointment of an ambassador at Washington to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand, but the revival of James Bryce's name meets with much more general credence than when it was first mooted.

There are no lacking indications, even in official utterances, that the author of "The American Commonwealth" may be the selection for the embassy—which it is now remarked, is the most important in the diplomatic service of Great Britain.

TEN YEARS FOR A DOCTOR.

Denver Man Sentenced for Counterfeiting a Ten-Dollar Bill.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 14.—Ten years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,500 was the sentence imposed Wednesday in the federal court by Judge Lewis on Dr. James D. Eggleston, son of President Eggleston of the Pacific Express company, who was convicted of counterfeiting and making photographic negatives of a \$10 bill.

BOSTONS KEEP COLLINS.

Former Captain Will Stay on the Third Bag.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Jimmy Collins, who managed the Boston American baseball team for several years, will not be traded. Instead he will remain with the Boston team and play third base. This was the statement given out at the annual meeting of the American League, which ended here yesterday afternoon.

Muller President of Switzerland.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—M. Edvard Muller, vice-president of the federal council, was yesterday elected president of the Swiss confederation, in succession to M. L. Ferret, whose term has expired. Dr. E. Brenner, chief of the department of justice and police was elected vice-president of the federal council, succeeding M. Muller.

EAST CALAIS.

W. E. Bliss was in Barre on business Friday.

George Sanders was in Marshfield Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Almsworth went to Plainfield Wednesday to visit her father.

There is to be a cantata at the Union church Christmas eve, with other exercises appropriate for the occasion.

Mrs. Albert Olinnell went to Hardwick Wednesday, visiting friends, and expects to stay there the rest of the week.

W. A. Stevens, division inspector of the S. of V. for Arlington, Mass., has been in town several days this week.

The chicken pie supper and lecture last week was a good success, both socially and financially, the ladies realizing about \$40.

Mrs. Flora Bliss of Marshfield (formerly of this town) started Tuesday with her five children for Wisconsin to remain with her parents indefinitely.

SUPT. KILBURN RESIGNS.

Goes to The Fidelity Development Company.

New York, Dec. 14.—Announcement was made yesterday that Frederick D. Kilburn, State superintendent of banks, was last night elected president of the Fidelity Development company of this city. Mr. Kilburn has advised Governor-elect Hughes of his desire to be relieved as superintendent of banks as soon as possible after Jan. 1 next.

Warsaw Shaken by Explosions.

Warsaw, Dec. 14.—Two terrific explosions, which were felt throughout the city, occurred in the Jewish quarter of Warsaw yesterday afternoon.

The extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained and the cause of the explosions is not known, but is supposed to be due to hidden stores of dynamite.

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Mrs. Bradley Held for Grand Jury.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—"We, the jury, believe from the evidence that former Senator Arthur M. Brown of Salt Lake City, Utah, came to his death at the Emergency hospital on the morning of December 13 as the result of a gunshot wound in the abdomen, said wound being inflicted by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley in the Raleigh hotel on December 8. We order her held for the action of the grand jury," was the verdict of the corner's jury yesterday in the Brown inquest.

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PLAINFIELD.

Bertelle Lane is quite ill with jaundice.

Miss Mattie Kiser was ill part of last week with the grip.

Mrs. Fred Bruffee and daughter, Evelyn, were in Barre on Wednesday.

D. R. Bailey and J. E. Bailey were in town on Saturday from Montpelier.

A missionary meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Irene Page.

Arthur Townsend is ill with pneumonia at the home of Fred Townsend in East Montpelier.

Mrs. Cora Preston of Marshfield visited at the home of Mrs. Viola Bemis part of last week.

Mrs. Walter Martin is quite ill with tonsillitis. Dr. Wheeler of North Montpelier is attending her.

Henry Waldo recently sold his farm and has moved his family into the Dwell house in Marshfield.

Miss Anna St. Cyr has finished work at the postoffice and has gone to work at the home of Ezekiel Skinner.

Henry Shorey has moved from the Lombard tenement into the Eleanor Mason tenement, recently vacated by Ed. Nye.

Master Edward Kiser has returned to Wing Road, N. H., after having spent a few days in town with his uncle, E. H. Kiser.

Arthur Cutler returned on Wednesday from Lancaster, N. H., after having spent a week in that place visiting with relatives.

Nat Page is quite seriously ill with the grip. His brother, A. N. Page of Barre, has come to assist on the farm with the work.

Miss Inez Bond and Miss Ruth Pitkin were in Marshfield at their homes over Sunday from their studies in the graded schools of this village.

E. D. Benjamin has sold his farm to Harry Brewer and has gone to work for Gov. Humphrey in Marshfield. He has moved his family into the Humphrey tenement.

Mrs. Nettie Hutchins and son, Harlie, were in Montpelier on Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral services of Philip Maker in the People's church in that city.

Will Wright, who has been spending a few weeks in town from Irasburg, returned on Wednesday to his home, accompanied by his brother, Warren, of this place.

MILLIONS REALIZED ON TAX.

About Half of The States of the Union Benefit by This Law.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Investigation by the Census Bureau shows that in 1902 about half the states of the Union had inheritance tax laws, which yielded them an aggregate of a little more than \$7,000,000. This amount is believed by the census officials to have increased in the present year to fully \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000.

In a report based on the forthcoming report on "Wealth, Debt, and Taxation," the census officials say that at least a dozen states are materially assisting in the support of the state governments from this source of revenue.

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